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2. Items of interest to the Agency included the following:

a. Cooper Bill (S.2224, requiring that intelligence information be made widely available to Congress). Mr. Abshire understands this bill will be attached as an amendment to the Security Assistance bill. I was asked if the Director would be prepared to write a letter to the President recommending the veto of any legislation of which this bill was a part. I said I doubted the Director would state his position in these terms, since he might feel he could not weigh all the equities, but I had no doubt of his position regarding the intelligence community. I said I thought he might well state that the Cooper bill, in its present form, would make it impossible for him to carry out his statutory responsibilities regarding the protection of intelligence sources and methods. I said he might also say something to the effect that the uncontrolled dissemination of intelligence information which the bill would seem to contemplate would make it impossible to maintain an effective national intelligence service.

Messrs. Kennedy and Tarr agreed that these were valid points. Mr. Abshire said he thought, with a little education of the members, it might be possible to defeat such a bill or amendment on the floor. Mr. Tarr questioned this pointing out that even staunch Administration supporters would find it difficult to resist the temptation to "cut themselves in on the intelligence circuit."

b. I called attention of the group to the status of the "Ervin bill" rider to a pending bill before the House Judiciary Committee to extend the life of the Civil Rights Commission. Rady Johnson said that he had just talked with Chairman Dulski, of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who had discussed the matter with Chairman Celler, of the House Judiciary Committee, and been assured that Celler would not go to conference on the bill unless forced, and in that case would raise a point of order regarding the germaneness of the Ervin bill rider.

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Tuesday - 12 September 1972

1. (Unclassified - JMM) On the Director's instructions, I called Mr. Park Rinard, Administrative Assistant to Senator Harold E. Hughes, to say that the Director regretted he could not accept the Senator's invitation to participate in the Conference on The Military in American Society on 13 and 14 September. Mr. Rinard said he realized the invitation was a "long shot."
2. (Confidential - JMM) Made an appointment to see Representative William M. McCulloch at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, 14 September, regarding the Ervin bill problem.
3. (Confidential - JMM) Made an appointment to see Miss Marion Ross, Legislative Assistant to Representative William L. Hungate, on Friday, 15 September at 11:00 a.m. regarding the Ervin bill.
4. (Confidential - JMM) Called Herb Hoffman, on the staff of the House Judiciary Committee, to see if there were any recent developments in connection with the Ervin bill. He told me there were none and that since the Senate conferees have not yet been designated, no action is in the immediate prospect.
5. (Confidential - JMM) Received a call from Ray Jacobson, Civil Service Commission, who wanted to know where we stood on the Ervin bill matter. I told him of my understanding that the Senate conferees had not yet been appointed and my plans to raise the matter at tomorrow's LIG meeting in the White House. I also reminded him of the Director's letter to Chairman Celler of the House Judiciary Committee.

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25X1 4. (Unclassified - RJK) Picked up from David Martin, on the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, the package that he had spoken to [] about concerning the testimony to be presented by General Walt (see Journal of 7 September).

25X1 5. (Confidential - LLM) Called David Martin, on the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and based upon the advice of [] CI Staff, sourced the Khrushchev comment in which he was interested to Tass on 28 June 1942 in English from Europe reporting on a letter from Khrushchev to Nozaka, Chairman of the Japanese Communist Party. (See Journal of 7 September.)

25X1 I also told Martin that we would try to be as cooperative as possible in providing him comments within his tight deadline on the material he had drawn together for General Walt's testimony (see Journal of 7 September). It was agreed that our comments would relate only to data and not on other content and I relayed to [] OCI, and [] DDP/ NARCOG, the particular countries which would be covered in the material. We will attempt to deliver our comments on the material by around noon on Monday. 25X1

6. (Unclassified - LLM) Called Dr. Joseph Thach, House Internal Security Committee staff, and told him that we had not been able to identify the statements over North Korea radio in which he was interested (see Journal of 5 September), but that there had been a statement prior to May 1972 by one of the individuals in question, and he said he would like to have a copy of the reference to that statement. In response to my request, Thach said he would send us the times of the broadcasts and frequencies on which they were carried, which will be forwarded to FBIS when received.

7. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mr. Herb Hoffman, House Judiciary Committee staff, who told me that there is still no word on the appointment of Senate conferees. He checked with the Senate staff earlier in the day. He will let me know as soon as word is received.

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9. (Secret - JMM) Met with Richard Perle, on the staff of the Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, who said Senator Henry Jackson was concerned over a recent informal exchange between a number of Soviet and American scientists. See Memo for Record.

Perle said Senator Jackson was much interested in the implications of the U.S. Soviet wheat deal and might like a briefing on the long-range aims of the current Soviet trade policies with the U.S.

10. (Confidential - JMM) Talked to Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Operations Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, who said he would like a briefing at 10:30 a.m. Monday, 11 September 1972 in Room 2339 Rayburn House Office Building, covering, among any other timely items:

- a. The situation in Vietnam (North and South)
- b. The background of a 19 June Newsweek story claiming that 5,000 Vietnamese were massacred in connection with "Speedy Express"
- c. The "specifics" of the Agency's objections to the McCoy book.

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11. (Unclassified - JMM) [] and I met with Representative Jack Brooks whom we briefed on our problems regarding the Ervin bill rider to the Civil Rights Commission bill, H.R. 12652. Brooks said he would be glad to help us but pointed out that the Agency position would be hard to sell if the problem reached the floor because of substantial suspicion and ignorance among the membership as a whole as to what the Agency was up to.

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Thursday - 7 September 1972

1. (Confidential - JGO) Messrs. Maury and [] met with Mr. Herbert Hoffman, House Judiciary Committee staff, and delivered to him the letter to Chairman Celler from Mr. Helms concerning H. R. 12652, the Ervin bill. Mr. Hoffman told us he had talked to the Senate Judiciary Committee staff people yesterday and learned that Senator Ervin did not return to the city until yesterday. Pending Senator Ervin's return and conversations with Chairman Eastland, of the Senate Judiciary Committee, no action could be taken on the appointment of conferees. It was Hoffman's recommendation that we touch base with each of the other conferees and that he himself would talk to Mr. Celler and ascertain his desires concerning a meeting with the Director or Agency representatives at the first opportunity. At this point he does not know whether Chairman Celler will convene a meeting of the House conferees prior to conference or not.

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2. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Fran Christy, Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff of House Judiciary Committee, who told me that no further calls have been received during Mr. Cline's, Counsel of the Subcommittee, absence from Mr. Troy Connor concerning the Gallaher bill. Mr. Warner, OGC, has been advised.

3. (Unclassified - JGO) Met with Mrs. Mattie Swor, in the office of Representative Speedy O. Long (D., La.), and reviewed with her constituent correspondence from [] and gave her a collection of unclassified items to use in responding to []. Mrs. Swor was most appreciative and said that she would take up the matter of the correspondence from [] concerning action of Americans visiting Hanoi with the FBI and the Department of State.

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4. (Confidential - MMC) Mr. Robert Blum, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, visited Headquarters this morning for two hours and reviewed OSS files on Indochina.

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3. (Unclassified - PLC) A meeting was held with Bill Phillips, Jim Kronfeld, and Norm Cornish, staff members of the Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, to discuss the Agency's implementation of Executive Order 11652 on classification. I briefly described the Agency's procedures and the regulations issued implementing the Executive Order, and explained that the Agency's regulations were internal and could not be made available to the Committee. They understood and will accept as the Agency's unclassified regulations the procedures for the Agency's handling of outside requests for information as recently published in the Federal Register. We further agreed that a letter from the Agency as to the implementation of the Executive Order would not be necessary.

4. (Internal Use Only - LLM) Called Paul Woodard, Justice Department, to get a report on what the Department is doing on the Ervin bill rider. Woodard was unaware of the amendments that the Civil Service Commission had prepared as a fallback position in the event there was a setback on the issue of germaneness. I told Woodard that we were working on the assumption that the Department had greater leverage than other departments and agencies with the Judiciary Committee, that some of the most troublesome features of the legislation involve the Department's responsibility and for this reason we were particularly interested in knowing what their stand would be and the progress they are making. Woodard, explaining that he had been on leave for a time, promised to get back in touch as soon as he had anything to report.

5. (Unclassified - LLM) Called Charles Parker, in the Office of Management and Budget, and asked if there had been any progress in resolving the retirement funding issue since we were working up our annual legislation proposal for submission to OMB and would like to include the agreed upon formula if at all possible. Parker said final decision had not been made and recommended that we submit the old package with the old formula.

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Tuesday - 5 September 1972

1. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. John Martiny, Staff Director, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that he does not know at this time whether Chairman Dulski will take the lead or will act in opposition to the "Ervin amendment" on the floor of the House. With the members back today Martiny said that he will be checking each of them to see who will be active in this matter. Martiny indicated that Representative Hanley as well as Chairman Dulski has written to Chairman Celler, of the Judiciary Committee. In effect, Representative Hanley's letter notes general agreement with the exception of inclusion of the security agencies under the bill. Martiny said he did anticipate that the bill will go to conference as soon as the Senate appoints conferees and that Chairman Celler will maintain the House position requested by Chairman Dulski in opposition to the Ervin amendment.

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3. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered to the office of Dr. Joseph Thach, House Internal Security Committee staff, a blind memorandum entitled "Log of Statements Attributed to U. S. Citizens which were Broadcast by Hanoi Radio, 1965-1971." See Journal of 24 August 1972.

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4. (Confidential - JGO) In response to his telephone call, met with Mr. Scott Cohen, Executive Assistant to Senator Charles Percy (R., Ill.). Mr. Cohen gave me an extract from a letter to the Senator relating to one [redacted] for our information. Mr. Cohen is also forwarding the same information to the Bureau. [redacted] CI staff, has been advised.

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5. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and brought him up-to-date on the status of the "Ervin amendment" now pending before the House Judiciary Committee. Preston told me that it would be his suggestion that Mr. Helms call Chairman Mahon if it becomes necessary to have Chairman Mahon talk to Chairman Celler about this bill.

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6. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and briefed him on the status of the Ervin bill amendment pending before the House Judiciary Committee. Slatinshek recommended that we await further developments in the handling of the bill by the House Judiciary Committee before any further consideration of intercession by Chairman Hebert in the matter.

7. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Jack Brady, House Foreign Affairs Committee staff, who returned this weekend from a "drug survey" in Indochina and scheduled a meeting with him for debriefing for tomorrow, Wednesday, 6 September, at 2:00 p.m. Brady asked, if possible, if he could meet immediately with [redacted]

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After checking with [redacted] FE Division, I told Brady that [redacted] is fishing in the wilds of Minnesota on a well-earned leave and is not available but I was sure that this matter could be handled fairly completely in the meeting tomorrow afternoon. Messrs. [redacted], NARCOG, [redacted] OCI, and [redacted] FE Division have been advised.

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8. (Unclassified - GLC) Checked in with Herb Hoffman, House Judiciary Committee staff, to get a status report on H. R. 12652 and to tell him that the Director had on his desk a letter to the Chairman which would probably be over tomorrow. Hoffman said that they were awaiting the appointment of Senate conferees and said he has no further information on action to be taken.

9. (Unclassified - GLC) Talked to Wally Johnson, of the White House staff, about the status of H. R. 12652. Johnson had no information but suggested we give Paul Woodard, Justice Department, another call. He said if we had any difficulty getting any satisfaction from Woodard to let him know.

10. (Unclassified - LLM) Dr. Joseph Thach, House Internal Security Committee staff, called to express his appreciation for the listing provided him on certain Hanoi broadcasts (see Journal of 24 August 1972) and said that a group known as the American Servicemen's Union had publicized that North Korea had agreed to broadcast tapes of comments by Tom Soto, Andy Stapp and Bruce Choy twice weekly to GIs in Korea, Japan and Southeast Asia commencing May 1972. Thach said no such broadcasts had appeared in the FBIS area books and asked if we had picked them up and offered to provide the frequency and related information if it would be helpful.

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Acting Legislative Counsel

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